ANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The movement in currency with the public during the past few months given in the attached statement. (*See* below) Between January 15 and March 25, 1988, the currency with public has shown an increase of 3.8 per cent but the variation from one fortnight to another has been divergent.

(b) There is no direct relationship between currency with the public and the level of prices.

(c) It is primarily the people's preference between holding of currency and deposits which determines the level of currency with the public at a particular point of time.

Currency with the Public

Fortnight ending	Amount (Rs. crores)	Percentage variation over the preceding fortnight
1988:		
January 15	32356	..
January 29	32164	(—)0.6
February 12	33296	(+)3.5
February 26	32839	(—)1.4
March 11	34063	(+)3.7
March 25	33594	(—)1.4

850. [*Transferred to the 12th May, 1988.*]

Inclusion of water in the Concurrent List

851. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to include water in the Concurrent List; and

(b) if so, whether this will amount to encroachment into the jurisdiction of States and erosion of the concept of cooperative federalism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Estimates Committee (1987-88), in their 61st Report on the Ministry of Environment & Forests, presented to Lok Sabha on 21st April, 1988, have observed that the Committee would like the Government to consider bringing forth necessary amendment of the Constitution for inclusion of the subject "Water" in the Concurrent List. Government have so far not examined this recommendation.

852. [*Transferred to the 12th May, 1988*].

Drug peddling as a non-bailble offence

@853. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make drug-peddling a non-bailable offence; and

@Previously Unstarred Question 501 transferred from the 29th April, 1988.

(b) if so, what other charges Government propose to make in the existing laws to check the meanace of drug abuse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): In accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, most of drug trafficking offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1995 are already non-bailable.

A Cabinet Sub-Committee has been constituted to review the various measures to combat drug trafficking including the need to strengthen the existing laws.

Achievement of targets by Wastelands Development Board in respect of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh

854. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wastelands Development Board has been able to achieve all its financial and physical targets in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that wastelands are put to worthwhile use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) As reported by the State Governments, the target and achievement under various schemes for afforestation during last two years in respect of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are given in the annexure attached. [*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 428]

(c) The following steps have been taken for developing wastelands

(i) identification of wastelands and preparation of maps for preparing area-specific projects.

(ii) afforestation by coordinating efforts under various Government and non-Government Agencies, for social forestry; and

(iii) involvement of small & marginal farmers, school children, rural poor, youth and women in raising of seedlings and plantation programmes.

Entry of Abu Dhabi Royal Family members into India through Jaisalmer

855. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently two members of the Royal family of Abu Dhabi entered into the country through Kishangarh border in Jaisalmer district to hunt rare birds; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken against the persons manning the border for the lapse on their part?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to the information available, the Border Security Force intercepted two members of the hunting